Hamilton stays focused on break

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Todd Hamilton's ultimate goal in golf is to earn his PGA Tour card.

But since this time of the year is often considered the off-season for golfers, Hamilton has had the luxury of spending some quality time at home with his family in McKinney, Texas.

"For a month, I didn't do anything as far as golf is concerned," said Hamilton, a 1983 graduate of Union High School. "I probably picked up a club at the end of December. I've been playing pretty regularly from then until now. I've probably played 75 percent of the days for the past month."

Hamilton said he was not real pleased with how he played last year. He did say, though, he had three or four top-10 finishes.

However, the 34-year-old Hamilton said he wants to work on having four solid days of golf - instead of having three good days of golf and one bad day of golf. "You really have to put four good days (of golf) together," said Hamilton, gunning for a couple of No. 1 finishes on the leader board. "When I did have the chance and maybe win, I didn't do that."

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Hamilton took a few lessons recently from a friend of his named Don Peterson, who teaches golf and is from the Little York area. Said Hamilton, "I've got a month to work on the changes he recommended to work on."

A PGA Professional on the Japanese Tour, Hamilton said he will play 20 to 25 events in Japan this year. This fall, around the middle of October, he will attempt to play in the first stage of the PGA Tour qualifying school.

"I haven't played in a tournament since November," said Hamilton. "It's a nice break.

"I'm anxious to get started. I'm just trying to get over there (Japan) with a good attitude and get off to a good start."